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present. Panel E of the exemplary brochure, reproduced in Figure 8, gives these guidelines.

5 A portion of Panel E is a kind of reminder card a funeral attendee can fill out and use in lieu of requesting an anniversary reminder from the funeral business. In other words, using this reminder card is an alternative to the service provided by the present invention. The exemplary brochure includes this reminder card because it is an advantage to have a brochure that can be either sent as part of a reminder or function independently of the funeral reminder service. The exemplary brochure can be handed out or picked up at a funeral or memorial service.

10 It is also preferred for the reminder to provide guidelines on how to contact the bereaved. For example, the reminder might suggest a card or note attached to flowers, a plant, or some other gift. As a general rule, it is natural to write more if the recipient knew the deceased and less otherwise. Suggestions for one who is close to the bereaved, but did not know the deceased well could include:

15 Remembering the loss of your mother.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_

Remembering the loss of your good friend \_\_\_\_\_.

Fondly, \_\_\_\_\_

20 Although a year has passed, our memories of \_\_\_\_\_ and thoughts of you remain with us.

Love, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

Yours truly, \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriate guidance for one who knew the deceased could include the following suggestions:

25 Elaborate on a memory you have of the deceased.

Capture what it was about the deceased that earned your respect or appreciation.

Reminisce about a humorous incident that happened.

30 Describe ways in which the deceased continues to influence or positively affect your life.

Panel F of the exemplary brochure, reproduced in Figure 9, provides this guidance.